more employment to the rural poor as also to exploit the resources available in the rural areas properly;

(b) whether rural areas will also be taken into consideration for location of industries under the new policy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Development of industries in the rural areas so as to accelerate generation of employment and raising the income levels of the rural people is already given high priority in Government policy as set out in the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 and the Industrial Policy Statement of 1980. Government policy is directed towards the development of relatively under-developed areas, including rural areas, by promotion of industry through the mechanism of industrial licensing, giving due regard to the availability of raw material, infrastructure and the need to provide for environmental protection.

Particular emphasis is laid in the policy to the promotion of small scale and Khadi and Village Industries which generate employment in the rural areas.

Introduction of electronic machines in elections

627. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to amend the Representation of People Act so as to introduce Electronic voting machines throughout the country during elections; and

(b) if so, the time by when the amendment is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A preliminary decision has been taken by Government to introduce electronic voting machines in elections to Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. Final decision however will be taken after consulting political parties. Proposal to amend the Representation of the People Act will also be introduced in the light of the final decision that may emerge after consultations with political parties. It would not be feasible to indicate at this stage the time by which the amendment is likely to be carried out. Government are keen to finalise the matter on a priority basis.

Salesh tax and Income tax cases pertaining to J & K State pending in High Court and Supreme Court

628. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending before the High Court and the Supreme Court of India to recover the sales tax and income tax pertaining to the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the total amount involved in the same giving figures separately for both the taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information as furnished by the Registries of the Supreme Court and the High Court is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Pending Income Tax and Sales Tax cases

The Supreme Court :	The Registry of the Supreme Court does not maintain separate figures of Sales Tax and Income Tax matters relating to Jammu and Kashmir. For the same reasons, it is not possible to indicate the total amount of both taxes involved in such cases.	
The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir :	As on 31-12-1985 :	
	*(a) Pending Income Tax References, Applications and petitions.	123
	(b) Sales Tax References, Applications and petitions.	Nil

*The details of amounts involved in these cases are not available.

Vacancies in J&K High Court

629. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of Judges in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court;

(b) the number of Judges, now working in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court; and

(c) the number of vacancies lying vacant at present and the reasons for not filling up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As on 1-11-1986, the sanctioned strength of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court was five permanent Judges and two Additional Judges and on that date all the Judges were in position. There is no vacant post of a Judge/Additional Judge in the High Court.

Licences for new industries

630. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state how many licences have been issued by Government to set up new industries, State-wise during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): A statement is given below.

Statement

State-wise break-up of number of Industrial Licences granted during 1984 *and* 1985 *for setting up of "New Undertakings".*

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	1984 No.	1985 No.
1	Andhra Pradesh	19	18
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	2
3	Assam	1	1
4	Bihar	5	3